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Missoula County

Located in western Montana, Missoula County is Montana's second most populous with 96,303 residents, according to the 2001 estimates produced by the U.S. Census Bureau.

According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1865 and was once part of Washington Territory.

Missoula, the county seat, is the state's second largest city with a population of 57,053, according to the 2000 Census. Nicknamed the "Garden City," Missoula often has a milder climate than other Montana cities. Missoula is home to the University of Montana and the 2001 NCAA Division I-AA Championship Grizzly football team. According to a University of Montana *Kaimin* article, Washington-Grizzly Stadium ranks as the seventh highest population center in Montana during game time when filled to capacity with 19,500 fans. The city is also a major medical and retail hub in western Montana.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Missoula County households in 1999 was \$34,454. The county is 2,618.4 square miles in area; 2,598.2 square miles in land area and 20.17 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. According to the *Western Regional Climate Center*, the average daily low in Missoula in January between 1971 and 2000 was 16.2 degrees above zero. The average daily high in July was 83.6 degrees above. The annual precipitation during the same period was 13.82 inches and the growing season was from May 26 to Sept. 17 (last and first frost).

Missoula County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	2001 Census Estimate	2000 Census	1990 Census	1980 Census	% Change '00 to '01	% Change '90 to '00	% Change '80 to '90
Montana	904,433	902,195	799,065	786,690	0.2%	12.9%	1.6%
Missoula County	96,303	95,802	78,687	76,016	0.5%	21.8%	3.5%
Missoula	NA	57,053	42,918	34,893	NA	32.9%	23.0%

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896.

NA = not available

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Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau.

Second Quarter 2002 Unemployment Insurance Information.

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Annual Average Labor Force For Missoula County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2001	54,198	52,238	1,960	3.6%
2000	55,249	53,393	1,856	3.4%
1999	53,885	51,932	1,953	3.6%
1998	52,270	50,046	2,224	4.3%
1997	51,298	49,110	2,188	4.3%
1996	49,875	47,871	2,004	4.0%
1995	47,980	45,498	2,482	5.2%
1994	47,612	45,419	2,193	4.6%
1993	46,825	44,090	2,735	5.8%
1992	45,736	42,681	3,055	6.7%
1991	43,384	40,088	3,296	7.6%
1990	42,704	40,181	2,523	5.9%
1989	41,341	39,210	2,131	5.2%
1988	40,600	37,998	2,602	6.4%
1987	40,959	38,339	2,620	6.4%
1986	41,378	38,387	2,991	7.2%
1985	40,968	38,074	2,894	7.1%
1984	39,918	37,363	2,555	6.4%
1983	36,515	33,581	2,934	8.0%
1982	35,334	32,082	3,252	9.2%
1981	35,546	32,268	3,278	9.2%
1980	35,834	33,121	2,713	7.6%
1979	36,382	34,061	2,321	6.4%
1978	36,017	33,556	2,461	6.8%
1977	32,531	30,173	2,358	7.2%
1976	30,344	28,298	2,046	6.7%
1975	29,008	26,869	2,139	7.4%
1974	27,548	25,891	1,657	6.0%
1973	26,419	25,060	1,359	5.1%
1972	25,649	24,486	1,163	4.5%
1971	23,924	22,896	1,028	4.3%
1970	23,512	22,398	1,114	4.7%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau (2002 Benchmark).

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex 1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data Civilian Labor Force-All Persons

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
<i>Total</i>	40,011	21,511	18,500
<i>Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations</i>	10,417	5,226	5,191
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	4,210	2,368	1,842
Professional Specialty Occupations	6,207	2,858	3,349
<i>Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations</i>	12,205	4,765	7,440
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	1,375	726	649
Sales Occupations	5,188	2,848	2,340
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	5,642	1,191	4,451
<i>Service Occupations</i>	6,794	2,677	4,117
Private Household Occupations	168	13	155
Protective Service Occupations	651	537	114
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	5,975	2,127	3,848
<i>Farming, Forestry, Fishing</i>	1,171	896	275
<i>Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations</i>	3,594	3,248	346
Mechanics and Repairers	1,303	1,223	80
Construction Trade	1,379	1,318	61
Extractive Occupations	10	6	4
Precision Production Occupations	902	701	201
<i>Operators, Fabricators and Laborers</i>	5,637	4,604	1,033
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	1,937	1,415	522
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	1,895	1,736	159
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	1,805	1,453	352
Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience	193	95	98

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Equal Employment Opportunity File, (CD-ROM).

Resources

Chambers of Commerce:

Missoula Chamber, P O Box 7577, Missoula, MT 59807, 406-543-6623
Seeley Lake Area Chamber, P O Box 516, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2880

Department of Labor and Industry

Missoula Job Service Workforce Center

539 S 3rd St W, Missoula, MT 59806, 406-728-7060, <http://jsd.dti.state.mt.us/local/missoula/>

Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Research & Analysis Bureau

Publications and Website

For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections and hourly pay by occupation, contact the office at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication or check out our Internet website at <http://rad.dli.state.mt.us/>

Economic Development:

Missoula Area Economic Development Corp., 1121 E. Broadway, Suite 100, Missoula, MT 59802, 406-728-3337

Montana Community Development Corp., 110 E. Broadway, 2nd Floor, Missoula, MT 59802, 406-728-9234

Housing Costs:

Missoula County Association of Realtors, Inc., 715 Kensington, Suite 25A, Missoula, MT 59801, 406-728-0560

Internet:

Montana Workforce Services home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/>
For information on the Internet about cities and towns of Bonner, Clinton, Frenchtown, Greenough, Huson, Lolo, Milltown, Missoula and Seeley Lake go to <http://www.visitmt.com> and click on "cities and towns"

Montana Motor Vehicle Division:

Drivers' Licensing

Missoula-2681 Palmer, Suite A, 406-329-1355

Newspapers:

Missoula Independent, P O Box 8275, Missoula, MT 59807, 406-543-6609,
<http://www.missoulanews.com>

The Missoulian, P O Box 8029, Missoula, MT 59807, 406-523-5200,
<http://www.missoulian.com>

Seeley Swan Pathfinder, P O Box 702, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2022,
<http://www.seeleyswanpathfinder.com>

Public Libraries:

Missoula Public Library, 301 E. Main, Missoula, MT 59802-4799, 406-721-2665
Seeley Lake Branch Library, High School Road, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2224

Postsecondary Education Institutions:

Montana University System

University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812, 800-462-8636, [http://www.umt.edu/](http://www.umt.edu)
The University of Montana College of Technology, 909 S Ave W, Missoula, MT 59801, 406-243-7811 or 800-542-6882 (within Montana), <http://www.cte.umt.edu>

Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

Bonner Elementary, Box 1004, Bonner, MT 59823, 406-258-6151

Clinton Elementary, P O Box 250, Clinton, MT 59825, 406-825-7844

DeSmet Elementary, 6355 Padre Lane, Missoula, MT 59808, 406-549-4994

Frenchtown K-12 Schools, P O Box 117, Frenchtown, MT 59834, 406-626-5762

Hellgate Elementary, 2385 Flynn Lane, Missoula, MT 59802, 406-728-5626

Lolo Elementary, 11395 Highway 93S, Lolo, MT 59847, 406-273-0451

Missoula County Public Schools, 215S 6th W, Missoula, MT 59801, 406-728-2400

Potomac Elementary, 29750 Potomac Road, Potomac, MT 59823, 406-244-5581

Seeley Lake Elementary, P O Box 840, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2265

Sunset Elementary, P O Box 344, Greenough, MT 59836, 406-244-5685

Swan Valley Elementary, 6423 Highway 83, Condon, MT 59826, 406-754-2320

Target Range Elementary, 4095 S Ave W, Missoula, MT 59804, 406-549-9239

Woodman Elementary, 18470 Highway 12 West, Lolo, MT 59847, 406-273-7140

Missoula Employment By Industry*

Annual Averages 2001

Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment
	Wages Paid	Wages Paid			
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	4,128	49,151	BUILDING MATERIALS-GARDEN	54	739
PRIVATE BUSINESS	4,009	41,291	GENERAL MERCHANDISE	21	1614
AGRI., FORESTRY, FISH	82	316	FOOD STORES	52	1243
Agriculture Production/Crops	4	26	Auto Dealers-Service Stations	101	1394
Agriculture Production/Livestock	12	43	APPAREL & ACCESSORIES	46	320
Agriculture Services	50	158	Furniture Stores	60	586
Forestry	15	87	Eating & Drinking	268	4214
MINING	8	14	MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL	172	1409
Metal Mining	5	6	FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	349	2223
CONSTRUCTION	468	2,681	BANKING	44	686
General Building	151	585	CREDIT AGENCIES	34	144
Heavy Construction	30	495	SECURITY & COMMODITY	34	113
Special Trade	286	1,580	INSURANCE CARRIERS	26	131
MANUFACTURING	205	3,187	INSURANCE AGENTS	70	558
Food Products	14	376	REAL ESTATE	125	437
Apparel	4	18	HOOLDING & INVESTMENTS	10	150
Lumber	70	1,189	SERVICES	1667	16392
Furniture	10	90	Hotels & Lodging	58	757
Printing-Publishing	30	391	PERSONAL SERVICES	75	453
Chemicals	4	16	BUSINESS SERVICES	247	2451
Leather	3	10	AUTO REPAIR SERVICES	125	776
Stone-Clay-Glass	5	36	MISCELLANEOUS REPAIR SERVICES	51	169
Fabricated Metals	8	107	MOTION PICTURES	23	264
Nonelectrical Machinery	13	60	AMUSEMENT & RECREATION	96	1106
Electrical Machinery	3	2	HEALTH SERVICES	283	5597
Instruments	11	144	LEGAL SERVICES	94	468
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	14	178	EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	35	302
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	187	2,717	SOCIAL SERVICES	164	17613
Trucking-Warehousing	107	1,134	MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS	111	848
Air Transportation	11	291	ENGINEERING SERVICES	225	1265
Transportation Services	24	168	PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS	57	88
Communications	24	642	NONCLASSIFIABLE	8	325
Electricity, Gas, Sanitation	10	256	GOVERNMENT	119	7860
WHOLESALE TRADE	234	2,238	STATE	19	3164
Durable Goods	157	1,282	LOCAL	52	3236
Nondurable Goods	76	955	FEDERAL	46	1439
RETAIL TRADE	796	11,526	\$178,340,561		

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

*Payroll Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance

Per Capita Personal Income

U.S.	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990	1980	1970
Montana	\$22,518	\$21,490	\$21,225	\$19,920	\$19,173	\$18,592	\$17,995	\$17,968	\$17,045	\$16,471	\$15,516	\$9,143	\$3,625
% of National Average	76%	77%	79%	78%	79%	80%	81%	83%	81%	82%	79%	90%	88%
Missoula County	\$24,111	\$22,802	\$22,307	\$20,990	\$20,141	\$19,423	\$18,858	\$18,314	\$17,673	\$16,613	\$15,906	\$9,187	\$3,450
% of National Average	82%	82%	83%	83%	84%	84%	85%	84%	83%	81%	90%	84%	

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released May 2002.

PLEASE NOTE: Because of time and budget constraints, we are only able to update our county fliers periodically. Individual tables are updated on a more frequent basis. You can call us if you'd like the most current information for a particular county. The Annual Averages for County Employment by Industry are updated annually, usually in June. The Top Employers are updated annually. Per Capita Income is usually released late spring. Population data for Montana is released in late December and county data in March. The Annual Average Labor Force information is benchmarked annually and numbers available before March. The other tables contain Census information and will be updated every 10 years. You can also look for more current information on our website listed on the front of this publication.

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Missoula County
Count of Persons by Age, Race and Sex (2000 Census)

School Age			American		Asian Alone &							
	White Alone		Black Alone		Alaska Native		Native Hawaiian		Some		Two or More	
					Alone		& Pacific		Other Race		Races	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5-11	7,622	3,649	36	12	308	154	107	54	58	24	293	136
12-14	3,660	1,783	11	6	136	67	53	26	21	10	117	55
15-17	3,715	1,806	10	3	129	52	59	29	22	8	105	55
18-21	8,109	4,177	27	8	217	111	136	84	43	24	190	98
Total	23,106	11,415	84	29	790	384	355	193	144	66	705	344
											573	279

Working & Voting Age			American		Asian Alone &							
	White Alone		Black Alone		Alaska Native		Native Hawaiian		Some		Two or More	
					Alone		& Pacific		Other Race		Races	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
16+	72,548	36,581	180	48	1,527	766	807	447	316	150	1,119	572
16-64	63,166	31,180	173	45	1,453	716	762	426	303	140	1,055	537
18+	70,145	35,415	170	45	1,447	734	771	429	301	146	1,051	540
18-64	60,763	30,014	163	42	1,373	684	726	408	288	136	987	505
Total	90,073	45,080	261	82	2,193	1,083	1,058	570	431	206	1,786	906
											1,543	791

Other Age Group			American		Asian Alone &							
	White Alone		Black Alone		Alaska Native		Native Hawaiian		Some		Two or More	
					Alone		& Pacific		Other Race		Races	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0-4	4,931	2,427	34	16	173	76	68	32	29	18	220	120
5-17	14,997	7,238	57	21	573	273	219	109	101	42	515	246
18-44	39,965	19,752	137	34	1,025	511	576	322	230	111	750	379
45-64	20,798	10,262	26	8	348	173	150	86	58	25	237	126
65+	9,382	5,401	7	3	74	50	45	21	13	10	64	35
Total	90,073	45,080	261	82	2,193	1,083	1,058	570	431	206	1,786	906
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF1) 100-Percent Data

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County of Residence	# Who Work In Missoula County	County of Work	# Who Live In Missoula County
Out of State	313	Out of State	293
Cascade County	120	Cascade County	65
Flathead County	56	Flathead County	28
Gallatin County	45	Gallatin County	20
Granite County	45	Granite County	56
Lake County	201	Lake County	162
Lewis & Clark County	63	Lewis & Clark County	88
Mineral County	89	Mineral County	157
Missoula County	35,069	Missoula County	35,069
Powell County	20	Ravalli County	263
Ravalli County	1,604	Silver Bow County	32
Sanders County	77	Yellowstone County	42
Yellowstone County	73	Other Montana Counties	145
Other Montana Counties	75		

Source: 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.